MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, 02830

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Councilor William A. Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on September 1, 2005; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

2. Discussion on the petition from Judy Zatonsky regarding her request for an amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, Chapter 16, Article 11 – Noise §16-35; report of ordinance requirements from the various Rhode Island cities and towns.

VOTED to table.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

3. Discussion on establishing minimum amounts of liability insurance to be required of businesses licensed by the Town Council.

VOTED to table.

Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

4. Discussion on considering and acting on reestablishing the amount of dollar tax credits.

**VOTED** to stay within current limits.

Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

5. Discussion on proposed amendments to the ordinance of the Town of Burrillville establishing within the Department of Parks and Recreation a division entitled Extended School Age-Care Division. Mr. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, read the proposed amendment.

It was requested that the clerk make the amendment, that a Councilor sign and have the proposed ordinance posted, and that the proposal be included on the next Council agenda for first reading and scheduling of a public hearing

VOTED to put on Town Council agenda for September 28, 2005.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

6. Discussion on amendments to the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville Chapter 8, Article I, 8-1 Sunday License. It was suggested that as Town ordinances already state that the Town must comply with State law, then the Town ordinance should stay as it is.

VOTED to have Town Council read the ordinance into record at the Town Council meeting on September 28, 2005, for clarification.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

## 7. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings:

Tax credits for retail/small commercial business. There was a discussion of establishing tax credits for small businesses. Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, asked for an update on the scheduling of the joint workshop of the Town Council and the Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association as discussed in a Town Council meeting of a year ago. This item was discussed and no votes were taken.

Constant revaluation of property each year. Mr. Kane, Town Solicitor, indicated the James Drew, Tax Assessor, proposed a constant revaluation, in addition to the current three-year statistical revaluation, done in bulk by the Tax Assessor's office on a yearly basis so as to show increases (or decreases) in property values to tax payers quicker than they do now. Mr. Wood said that, although the idea has merit, he has some concerns with doing the program long term and keeping it sustained. Mr. Kane said that Mr. Drew would have more information regarding this proposal. This item was discussed and no votes were taken.

## 8. Other business. None.

9. VOTED to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

The meeting was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the meeting.

**Vicki T. Martin, Administrative Assistant**